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THE SECRETARY

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IMMEDIATE ANKARA, ATHENS IMMEDIATE, ROME IMMEDIATE, LISBON  
IMMEDIATE, BRUSSELS IMMEDIATE, THE HAGUE IMMEDIATE,  
IMMEDIATE USNATO, LONDON IMMEDIATE, PARIS IMMEDIATE, BONN  
IMMEDIATE, MOSCOW IMMEDIATE, WARSAW IMMEDIATE  
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E.O. 12065: RDS-1 4/3/11 {HAIG, ALEXANDER M. JR.}

TAGS: PL, NATO, UR

SUBJECT: POLAND: MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY

1. {SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT}

2. PLEASE DELIVER TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY  
HAIG IN PARA 3 BELOW TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER AS SOON  
AS POSSIBLE.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR:

. OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE SOVIET POSTURE REGARDING  
POLAND SUGGESTS THAT AN INTERVENTION BY THE USSR IS A  
SERIOUS POSSIBILITY. THIS HAS LED ME TO POSTPONE MY  
PLANNED TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

. IF AN INTERVENTION OCCURS, I WILL CONSULT WITH  
THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT ON THE SITUATION IN

State Dept. review completed

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POLAND. THEREAFTER I WOULD TRAVEL TO BRUSSELS FOR THE EMERGENCY NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL MINISTERIAL WHERE WE WOULD DECIDE ON THE LIST OF PROPOSED MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THE POLISH SITUATION.

. IT IS MY FIRM BELIEF THAT WE MUST, AT BRUSSELS, BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE RAPID AND CONCRETE ALLIANCE DECISIONS. NONE OF US WILL BE ABLE TO LINGER IN BRUSSELS, AND IT WILL BE DECISIVELY IMPORTANT TO CONVEY SWIFTLY TO THE SOVIETS A CLEAR AND PAINFUL SIGNAL. WE MUST NOT ALLOW THE EMERGENCY MIISTERIAL TO DEVELOP INTO A WESTERN DEBATE. UNITY AND DECISIVENESS ARE DEMANDED BY THE NATURE OF THE SOVIET CHALLENGE AND, MOST CERTAINLY, BY OUR PUBLICS AND PARLIAMENTS.44

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ADDITIONAL ADDRESSEES:

ACTION	IMMEDIATE	COPENHAGEN
	IMMEDIATE	LUXEMBOURG
	IMMEDIATE	OSLO
	IMMEDIATE	REYKJAVIK
	IMMEDIATE	OTTAWA